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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. (U.P.)—A jailbird—the feathery kind—fired unsuccessfully to break into the state penitentiary here. A rim-orange tree on his property which neck pleasantly, crashed into the gates of the prison and was killed.

ANAHEIM, Cal.—(U.P.)—George Griffith, who resides east of Anaheim, is proud of four acres of orange trees on his property which are 62 years old and still producing marketable fruit.

Notes From Washington

By
Charles J. Colden
Congressman-elect, 17th District

There are some "ornery" Democrats. Just a few. No doubt Ed Lucas of San Pedro, King Barton of Gardena and John Baker of South Main street, will deny this statement. But I repeat, there are some "ornery" Democrats and once in a while they break into Congress. Maybe the home folks send them to Washington to get rid of them. And they become a bigger nuisance here because they consume time that is costing the public a lot of money. They obstruct and disorganize and cause all kinds of delay and trouble. There are some good Republicans. A few of them are in Washington doing their work faithfully and serving all the people to the best of their ability. Two Republicans have made a hit with me. They are not coming back next term. I wish I could kick out two "ornery" Democrats and put Phil Swing of San Diego and F. H. LaGuardia of New York City in their places and keep them here. Both of them are good Republicans and reliable servants of the people. If this is party treason I'm ready to hang.



CHARLES J. COLDEN

Did you note the number of candidates for the Senate in the last campaign? Well, there are a lot of them. The chairs and seats are cushioned over in the Senate. They are not so soft in the House. Remember when you sat in church on a hard seat listening to a sermon an hour long? That was in the good old days. Well, fancy sitting in the House for four or five hours at a stretch listening to political speeches six days in the week. The first hour is bearable. The second hour starts you squirming and shifting. The third hour you twist and flop. From there on your misery can not be described. When you try to get up you find yourself paralyzed and looking like a nestle. That's why after the first hour or so I walk over to the Senate floor and rest in a cushioned seat.

What a luxury these cushioned swivel chairs are in the city council of Los Angeles! I wish President Charles Randall would make me a present of one. And I feel sorry for Tom Ford, giving up all that luxury to take a twisting, squirming seat in the House. And Bill Traeger. What will be say about it? Los Angeles could win the everlasting gratitude of every member of the House by shipping 45 of those comfy council chairs for their use. And think of the advertising!

The House and Senate meet at noon. Speaker Garner continues to pound the gavel on the desk. You can set your watch by him. That is a virtue possessed by few presiding officers. You would think the speaker had been trained in the army. And one of the reasons for his popularity is that his decisions are clear cut. When the Republicans kick up a fracas about his rulings it is usually for political effect.

The committee meetings of the House are held in the morning just the reverse of the custom of the city council of Los Angeles. Sometimes the committee hearings continue all day, the committee members being excused from the House. The most important committees of the House have such heavy duties that the committee divides its labors among subcommittees so that the appropriation committee, for instance, may be having two or three committee hearings at the same time.

A subcommittee of the House committee on appropriations consists of five or more members selected from the whole committee of 35 members, consisting of 21 Democrats and 14 Republicans. When the Republicans controlled the House, the number from each party was reversed. Thus five members of the 35 held the hearings on the appropriation for the war department. This appropriation is again classified into divisions, one on military activities

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

By G. L. MOWRY

The second semester in the Torrance evening high school began last Monday evening. A number of new people are taking advantage of the opportunities that are being offered. These with the old students are giving us a nice enrollment to start off with. If you have not already enrolled, you had better do so this week so as not to miss any of the work.

Our faculty remains about the same as last semester, except in the art department. Miss Chase has been given full time in the day school so that she could no longer carry her evening school work. We were very fortunate in securing Miss Josephine Boecker of Lomita to take the art work. Miss Boecker comes very well recommended. She specialized in the art department at U. C. L. A. where she took her degree. She has taught two years in day and evening schools. Miss Chase has very kindly offered to give her services for a few evenings so as to help Miss Boecker get a line on the different kinds of projects the various ones are interested in. If you are interested in art, I know you will enjoy working with Miss Boecker as well as you did Miss Chase.

The Spanish and French are taught by Mrs. Beyers on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The mathematics and mechanical drawing are taught by Mr. Axe, on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Axe also teaches the English at the same time. Miss Wade is offering typing, shorthand and bookkeeping. Miss Wilson has the clothing; Mr. England, woodshop; Mr. Rogers, machine and auto-shop; and Mr. Fuits the men's gym classes. The boys are having a wonderful time playing basketball.

riding since the Kingfish appeared on the Senatorial scene.

The depreciation of foreign currencies has knocked many of our high tariff schedules galley-west. It enables foreign countries to undersell us in our own markets and shuts our products out of foreign markets. A peculiar feature of depreciated currencies of such countries as England and Japan is that their money possesses about the same buying power at home. When Japan exports five dollars' (or ten yen) worth of canned fish to our country it amounts to but two dollars in gold of our money. This enables the Japanese to undersell our products and to make a larger profit than ever before. If the tariff were 25 per cent, for illustration, it would amount to one dollar and twenty-five cents on the gold standard, but with a depreciated yen worth only 20 cents, the tariff is reduced to 50 cents. If our fish canners were to ship to the Japanese market five dollars' worth of fish they would be forced to ask twelve and one-half dollars for it in the Japanese depreciated money. So our gold standard is causing a lot of inquiry and the ways and means committee is holding a hearing to see what can be done about it.

A la Fay Harris' Whatnots: Blanton of Texas reminds me of Bob Shuler. Both are as dry as the Mohave desert. But Bob Shuler can back Blanton off the platform with one hand tied behind him when it comes to oratory. Blanton has the fire but he lacks the appeal of our fighting Bob. . . . Howard, veteran Democrat of Nebraska and Bryan's friend, looks like a Biblical patriarch. . . . Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, Democratic floor leader and candidate for speaker, has a shock of white hair and he looks the part of a real statesman. . . . One of the candidates for speaker has lost my vote. He insists on calling me "Judge". . . . Joseph Byrns of Tennessee, and chairman of the appropriations committee and a candidate for speaker, is one of the hardest workers in the House. . . . Wish I could write a column as interesting as "Moods" by Berle Maxon in the Watts Advertiser-Review.

NATURE PAINTS GREAT OUTDOOR SCENE



It might be difficult for an artist to reproduce this scene on canvas. Nature, in the form of heavy snowstorms, has been painting gorgeous pictures in the mountains of California this winter. Here's a scene in the Sierras near Lake Tahoe, showing timber garbed in ermine.

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